IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE D.S.R.VARMA

WRIT PETITION NO : 7466 of 2005

Between:

Ashwini Cultural Club, Nidadavole, West Godavari District, Regd.No. 199/92, Rep. by its Secretary Vanga Venkata Ramana S/o Late Pochaiah, age 42 years, R/o Nidadavole, West Godavari District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 Superintendent of Police, Eluru, West Godavari District.
2 The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kovvur, West Godavari District.
3 The Inspector of Police, Nidadavole, West Godavari District.
4 The Station House Officer, Nidadavole, West Godavari District.

.....RESPONDENT(S)

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction and direct the respondents to forbear from interfering/obstructing the petitioners club from conducting Rummy where the members and guests of the petitioner club are allowed to play the game of Rummy with stakes/syndicate 13 card game. As the same is illegal, arbitrary, against natural justice, violative of Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the respondents not to take any coercive steps and to pass such other order or orders as this Hon'ble Court deems fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

Counsel for the Petitioner:M R.B.S.V.PRAKASH KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondent No.: GP FOR HOME

The Court at the admission stage made the following :

ORDER:

Heard both sides and at their request this case is taken up for disposal at the stage of admission.

This writ petition is filed seeking to declare the action of the respondents herein, in interfering with the lawful activities of the petitioner's Club as illegal, arbitrary and consequently, direct the respondents not to interfere with the lawful activities of the petitioner's club and its members.

The grievance of the petitioner is that the respondents are interfering with the lawful activities of the petitioner's Club and causing much inconvenience and embarrassment to the esteemed members of the Club.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances and the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, I deem it appropriate and expedient to dispose of the writ petition directing the respondents not to interfere with the lawful activities of the members of the petitioner's club viz., playing with 13 cards rummy/stakes or in syndicate and in case, they are found to be playing any other game of skill, it shall be open to the respondents to take such action, as is open to them in law. It is also made clear that under the guise of causing inspection, the officials or advocate-commissioners shall not be posted and the activities of the club cannot be crippled. There shall be no order as to costs.

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06.04.2005

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